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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence**SUBJECT: Briefing of CIA Subcommittee of the House Armed Services Committee**

1. This memorandum is for information only.
2. On 21 July, I talked with Mr. Robert Smart, inquiring when did he believe the Subcommittee would be available for briefing by the DCI. He indicated that Committee members were extremely busy with several pieces of Armed Services' legislation, but possibly the date could be set for the latter part of next week. I have suggested to him that Wednesday morning would be convenient with us. I clearly indicated to Mr. Smart that you were anxious that the Committee be informed of developments since your last briefing.
3. Mr. Smart advised that Representative A. Paul Kitchin (D., N. C.) and Representative O. C. Fisher (D., Tex.) were traveling in Europe in September [redacted] Although their trip has been specifically approved by the Chairman in broad terms to incorporate any matters within the jurisdiction of the Committee, the precise point of receiving a CIA briefing was not approved by the Chairman since it was not raised. Mr. Smart said it would be very desirable for us to give them a briefing. Mr. Smart describes these two Representatives as being most trustworthy and capable individuals, in particular Mr. Kitchin who spent thirteen years with the FBI.
4. This matter has been discussed with the [redacted] They feel that under the circumstances they have no objections and can handle arrangements for an appropriate intelligence briefing [redacted] Necessary arrangements are being made to include a brief discussion with Mr. Kitchin and Mr. Fisher here prior to their departure.

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